

ASBESTOS INSPECTOR

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Legal Authority	Code of Iowa, Chapter 88B and 875; Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 155
Job Description	<p>Asbestos inspectors must be able to identify asbestos; know the locations and uses of asbestos in buildings; and recognize the physical appearance of asbestos. They must understand the health effects related to asbestos exposure, the synergistic effect between cigarette smoke and asbestos exposure, the latency period, legal liabilities and defenses, comprehensive general liability policies, and how claims are made.</p> <p>Inspectors work with an accredited asbestos management planner; conduct inspections; inventory asbestos-containing material (ACM), make physical assessment of its condition; understand the safe inspection of electrical, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems (HVAC) systems; read blueprints and as-built drawings; conduct bulk sampling; and, maintain records of both buildings and inspections.</p>
Education & Experience Required	<p>An applicant must have successfully completed the proper training and exam given by a course provider approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Persons seeking a license as an asbestos inspector must complete an initial three-day training course and an annual one-half day refresher thereafter. The three-day training course includes lectures, demonstrations, at least four hours of hands-on-training, individual respirator fit test, course review and written examinations.</p> <p>Applicants must submit a completed application from the Division of Labor Services, a non-refundable fee, a copy of the training certificate, and two 1"x1" photographs. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.</p>
Continuing Education	A four-hour refresher course is required annually for license renewal.
Examination	Applicants must pass a written examination after completing the training.
Fees	Application: \$20 (non-refundable) Duration: License is valid until their training certificate expires. Renewal: \$20 (non-refundable)
SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage	51-9061 – Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers (\$14.95) 47-4011 – Construction and Building Inspectors (\$18.06)

Number of Licenses Issued	<p>Total number of licenses active as of December 31,</p> <p>2003: 1,268 (Total of ALL asbestos occupations)</p> <p>2002: 181 (Asbestos Inspector only)</p> <p>2001: 1,179 (Total of ALL asbestos occupations)</p> <p>2000: 1,058</p> <p>1999: 1,070</p>
For Additional Information	<p>Labor Services Division Web site: www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/asbestos</p> <p>See Appendix for additional registration and permit requirements for those interested in starting a construction business in the state of Iowa.</p>